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1. WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER BULA RECEIVED ME JAN 30 HE MUST HAVE BEEN A BIT NERVOUS. IN OFFERING ME A BEER HE ASKED IF I WOULD HAVE A "RISNELIA". I SAID THAT REMINDS ME THAT I HAD BEEN MEANING TO TELL HIM THE IRS HAD INSTRUCTED BARCLAY'S BANK TO RELEASE THE FIVE MILLION.

2. YOU MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN APPRECIATIVE. YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN WRONG. HE SAID HE HAD A LETTER FROM THE GOZ ATTORNEYS WHICH SAID THAT AN IRS OFFICIAL HAD REFERRED TO ZAIRE AS A "BANANA REPUBLIC". HE WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT THERE MIGHT BE BANANA REPUBLICS IN LATIN AMERICA BUT ZAIRE WAS NOT A BANANA REPUBLIC AND HE RESENTED THE ALLUSION.

3. I SAID I WAS SORRY, THAT I ASSUMED HE KNEW THERE WERE IDIOTS IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, AND THAT AS A MATTER OF FACT THERE WERE NO "BANANA REPUBLICS" IN LATIN AMERICAN EITHER.
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